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REMARKS

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1. On 10 September 1951, Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by 250 to 300 air force soldiers. About 35 to 40 motor vehicles were parked in the barracks area. Between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., no aircraft or flying was observed on the alternate airfield next to the barracks installation. Sedans [] and trucks [] passed through the barracks gate.

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2. On 10 September, a high-echelon headquarters was billeted in civilian houses on Ernst Thaelmann Strasse, Wittenberg. Security measures around the houses were particularly strict. Many air force officers and EM were seen entering and leaving the houses. [] the occupation of Brueckenkopf Kaserne had been slightly reduced as compared with previous observations. There were fewer motor vehicles parked in the barracks yard than previously. Only one building was occupied by officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and all the other buildings quartered air force troops. The army troops probably serviced the AA gun emplacement at the Elbe River bridge. A biplane was repeatedly observed taking off and landing at the alternate airfield.

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